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SUBJ: USG ACCOUNT IN ICEM LOAN FUNDS 3 AND 4

REF: (A) GENEVA 6005; (B) STATE 177939

1. MISSION RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER QUOTED BELOW ADDRESSED TO ICEM FROM HIAS CONCERNING BAGGAGE LOANS FROM LOAN FUND ACCOUNT NO. 3. IN VIEW OF D/HA REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON LOANS FROM SUBJECT ACCOUNTS (REF B), MISSION CONSIDERS IT ADVISABLE TO TRANSMIT TEXT OF LETTER.

QUOTE. DEAR MR. JARRELL: WE HAVE CHECKED OUT THE CERTIFIED NOMINAL ROLLS OF USRP ELIGIBLE RUSSIAN PROGRAM DEPARTURES FOR JUNE WHICH YOU SENT US UNDER COVER OF YOUR LETTER OF JULY 22, AND HAVE WORKED UP A CLAIM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$192,000 FOR 768 PERSONS, ARRIVED AT AS FOLLOWS:

	TOTAL	CLAIMED
USA	907	698
CANADA	67	47
AUSTRALIA	28	21
NEW ZEALAND	2	2
TOTAL	1,004	768

768 PERSONS X \$250 EQUALS \$192,000

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IN EFFECT, IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT INDICATIONS BY BOTH USRP AND ICEM OF HEAVY DEMANDS AND FUNDING UNCERTAINTIES RELATING TO USG LOAN FUND NO. 3, WE PROPOSE TO CONTRIBUTE TO EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE FUND BY MAKING CLAIMS ONLY FOR CASES WHERE WE ARE OBLIGED TO MOVE SUBSTANTIAL CONSIGNMENTS OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS BROUGHT OUT BY OUR RUSSIAN PROGRAM CASES FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT EXPERIENCE, THIS WOULD SERVE TO ELIMINATE CLAIMS FOR ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF THE RUSSIANS MOVED UNDER USRP/ICEM AUSPICES. WITH RESPECT TO JUNE, THIS AFFECTS 236 PERSONS FOR A TOTAL SAVING OF \$59,000.

MOREOVER, IN VIEW OF THE INEVITABLE DELAYS BEFORE BAGGAGE LOAN COLLECTIONS CAN REACH ANY SIGNIFICANT DIMENSIONS, WE PROPOSE TO START REPLENISHING USG LOAN FUND NO. 3 ON ACCOUNT OF OUR DRAWINGS FOR BAGGAGE LOANS ALREADY STARTING EARLY IN 1977. THIS WOULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH ADVANCES BY HIAS AGAINST FUTURE COLLECTIONS -- WITHIN THE LIMITS OF OUR GUARANTEE OF 60 PERCENT OVER A PERIOD OF THREE AND A HALF YEARS.

WE TRUST THESE PROPOSALS WILL MEET WITH YOUR APPROVAL.

SINCERELY YOURS, IRVING HABER, CHIEF, FIN. & ADMIN. UNQUOTE.

2. IN VIEW OF ANTICIPATED SAVINGS IN BAGGAGE LOANS TO EX-USSR REFUGEES BY HIAS, MISSION SUGGESTS THAT D/HA CONTACT JAI TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF APPLYING SAME CRITERIA TO BAGGAGE LOANS MADE FROM LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 4.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.CATTO

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